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well in progress by the year 2015*

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Major Bruce Buckson Presented ASMFC Annual Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement

Alexandria, VA – Major Bruce Buckson of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission was presented the Commission's Annual Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement at the ASMFC's Spring Meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. He received the award in recognition of his career long contributions to fisheries conservation.

"Every year a great many people contribute to the success of fisheries management along the Atlantic coast. The Commission's Annual Awards of Excellence recognizes outstanding efforts by professionals who have made a difference in the way we manage and conserve Atlantic coastal fisheries," stated ASMFC Chair, John Nelson of New Hampshire. "Today, we honor Major Buckson for his numerous contributions to the management and conservation of Atlantic coast fisheries."

Throughout his long career in law enforcement, Major Buckson has been a strong advocate for developing consistency in fisheries enforcement approaches and encouraging information sharing among state and federal agencies. He has consistently sought new ways to improve the effectiveness of fisheries regulations, working tirelessly with fishery managers and law enforcement representatives coastwide to ensure the enforceability of management measures. Major Buckson's expertise has been sought by Florida's congressional delegation regarding the state's marine fisheries enforcement needs, and he has assisted the state legislature in developing regulatory language during its rule making process. As Chair of the Commission's Law Enforcement Committee, he secured dedicated staff support for the Committee, enabling it to more fully and efficiently address regulatory compliance issues along the Atlantic coast.

The Commission established the Annual Awards of Excellence in 1998 to recognize the important contributions of individuals to the success of the organization. The awards are given in the areas of law enforcement, legislation, management & policy, and scientific, technical & advisory contributions. Each year, the Commission honors the very best contributions in those areas at its Spring Meeting. For more information, please contact Laura Leach, Director of Finance and Administration, at (202)289-6400.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and anadromous species.

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